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1. THE COMMISSION BEGAN CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL OF THE G-77
PAPER (CRP #2) ON MARCH 11. THE COMMISSION MEETING WAS PRECEDED
BY A WESTERN GROUP MEETING WHICH FEATURED A DECLARATION BY
ROUGE (FRANCE) THAT HE FOUND THE DOCUMENT ACCEPTABLE, THE
HE FELT IT REPRESENTED A DIFFICULT COMPROMISE AMONG G-77
MEMBERS AND THAT AS FEW AMENDMENTS AS POSSIBLE OUGHT BE
SUGGEST TO IT LEST THE DELICATE BALANCE WHICH HE FELT IT
REPRESENTED BE UPSET TO OUR DISADVANTAGE. OTHER DELEGATIONS
SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS BROADLY ACCEPTABLE
BUT DID NOT TAKE THE OBSEQUIOUS LINE THUS SUGGESTED.
WE INDICATED WE HAD SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH PARTS OF THE
DOCUMENT AND ALLUDED AS WELL TO OUR PROPOSALS IN THE
AREA OF CURRUPT PRACTICES. IN FACT, THE DISCUSSION HAS
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BEEN MARKED BY MANY SUGGESTED CHANGES, WITH THE US AND

UK LEADING AND WITH WILLINGNESS OF THE PART OF G-77 TO ACCEPT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THESE.

- 2. IN SOME RESPECTS, US SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE, PER INSTRUCTIONS, WERE HAMPERED BY FACT THAT LANGUAGE WAS AGREED IN 1ST SESSION OF COMMISSION.
- 3. TOWARD CLOSE MORNING SESSION, G-77 PRESENTED LANGUAGE CALLING FOR RESEARCH ON EFFECTS OF TNC'S IN RELATION TO SOUTH AFRICA. OPPOSITION LEAD BY UK, FRG AND US ON GROUNDS LATE INTRODUCTION SUBJECT, DUPLICATION WORK BEING DONE ELSEWHERE IN UN SYSTEM, AND IRRELEVANCE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF COMMISSION. PROPOSAL WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE INCLUDED IN BRACKETS.
- 4. AS OF MID-DAY, MARCH 10, AND FOLLOWING ONE AND A HALF DAYS OF INTENSIVE INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, COMMISSION HAS AGREED ON LANGUAGE FOR THE MAJORITY OF ARTICLES IN THE G-77 DRAFT TRANSMITTED REFTEL. REMAINING ISSUES, WHICH INCLUDE THOSE OF GREATEST SIGNIFICANCE TO USG, HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO NEGOTIATING GROUPS WHICH SCHEDULED TO MEET THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF TODAY (MARCH 11). SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING CLEAN DRAFT OF AGREED PORTION AND WE WILL CABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- 5. UNRESOLVED ISSUES INCLUDE:
- (A) PARAS. 3-7: UK HAS PROPOSED REVISION OF THIS
 OPENING SECTION TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES
 AND POSSIBLY REFERENCE TO WORK ON INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS. OBJECTIVES WOULD INCLUDE THOSE
 NOW LISTED IN PARA 16 PLUS GOAL OF ESTABLISHING AN
 INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR TNC'S MAXIMIZING THEIR
 POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS WHILE CONTROLLING THEIR NEGATIVE
 EFFECTS. UK HAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT PARA 22 (LISTING
 OF AREAS OF CONCERN) BE MOVED TO THIS INTRODUCTURY SECTION.
- (B) MODALITIES (PARAS. 13 AND 33) EFFORT IS TO FIND WORDING TO PERMIT THE STANDING ADVISORY GROUP COME INTO BEING PRIOR TO 34\$ SESSION, POSSIBLY EVEN TO ASSIST THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP DURING ITS INTERSESSIONAL MEETING.

- (C) PARA 14: CANADIANS PUSHING TO REVISE SECTION (IV) TO HAVE CENTER DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT.
- (D) DISCLOSURE OF INFO (PARAS. 21, 22, 24): REPORTED SEPTEL.

(E) PARA. 28: REPORTED SEPTEL.

(F) CORRUPT PRACTICES: US INITIATIVE TO WORK TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT IN THIS AREA HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY CONSIDERED, BUT COMMISSION COMMITTED TO DISCUSS LATER TODAY.

6. INFORMAL SESSIONS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THROUGH TODAY (MARCH 11). HOPEFULLY, COMMISSION WILL MEET IN FORMAL SESSION TOMORROW TO APPROVE PROGRAM OF WORK AND REPORT OF THIS SESSION. DEAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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